(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Payment of wages to the contractor's workers is regulated by the terms of their employment with the contractors, subject to the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act and other relevant laws.

(b) This is a legal requirement under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, compliance of which is watched by Inspectors appointed under the said Act. The coal companies have also issued instructions to the colliery managers for compliance of the provisions of law in this regard.

(c) and (d) There is no provision in the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act requiring submission of duplicate wage sheets to the Principal Employer by the contractors.

Target of coal production

2857. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target of coal production projected for the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the achievement made in the production of coal so far, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to achieve the coal production target set for the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) According to the mid-term appraisal by the Planning Commission, the target of coal production for the terminal year (1989-90) of the 7th Five Year Plan is 212 million tonnes.

(b) The year-wise production of coal against the targets of coal production during the first four years of 7th plan are indicated below:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Production
1985–86.	154.50	154.20
1986–87.	166.80	165.77
1987–88.	183.50	179.75
1988–89.	196.28	96.60 (upto Oct. 1988)

(c) As will be seen from above, the production of coal during the first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan has been broadly in line with the targets. The efforts made in this direction include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and creation of necessary infrastructural facilities to optimise the coal production.

New coal reserves

2858. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out new coal reserves in the country;

(b) whether any such survey was conducted in Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the new coal reserves found in Orissa and elsewhere during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Regional exploration for locating new coal reserves in the country are conducted by the Geological Survey of India.